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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear DOJ,

I think Microsoft should be disbanded, it's assets sold off (no microsoft employees allowed to buy) and the money be given back to the share holders and it's customers.

Their 33 billion dollars in cash in the bank should be paid back to everyone who was over charged and any company that was put out of business by Microsoft FUD and strong arm tactics.

Myself included.

I have since switched to apple computers for my personal computer needs and have never looked back. With Mac OS X I can DO ANYTHING I want, on the internet, with music, video, writing software weather it be Java, Perl, HTML, C++ or Objective C. I have the tools to do thing fast and with style without the MS baggage and the cost associated with over priced bloatware. I do not like being rip off by Microsoft with their constant forced upgrades that give you no real benefit, and over priced bug ridden software was just too much and not even worth it anymore at stay with the "standard". Which is why I left them forever. The same things can be done in Win 98 or the Mac OS that you can do with Win XP there is real no functional difference or advantage to XP over 98 or the Mac. But MS says that XP is so much better than win 98 you need to buy this or be left behind. But in reality most people do not need to. MS just wants more of your money with nothing given back other than flash and no substance.

Microsoft is not the standard. It's the exception to the rule. They take standards like Java, Kerberos, HTTP, TCP/IP, etc... and change them in such a way that it makes it incompatible with everyone else just enough so that it makes difficult or impossible to use. What was once a easy to use system is corrupted to make it work only on windows. They tired this with java by putting windows OS hooks in their java compiler so that if you made a java application or a java applet on a windows machine it would not work on the Macintosh or Linux OSs, and when they were called on it they dropped java altogether calling it a virus. That's no joke.

They have done this time and time again. They violate NDAs when it suites them with no more than a "We're Microsoft, suck it up and deal" I know of friends who have experienced this first hand. Microsoft knows NO ONE is going to take them to court because no one can outspend MS, and it seems not even the federal government can either.

They copy what they want, they steal what they want, they do what they want and there is no one to stop them. They have no fear of being sued, with the exception is really big companies. I hope AOL gets somewhere with their lawsuit concerning Netscape I believe they will not in the end, Not because AOL does not have a case but because they are Microsoft and just dazzle the judge with a lot of hard to understand "facts" and then MS wins.

And the status quo is maintained.

I finish with a quote.

"A market-crushing company can no more be called CAPITALIST than an abortion-clinic killer can be called Christian."

? Sue Doanim

Thank you for your time,

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PS. I'm writing this on a Powerbook G4 Titanium using apple's Mail program on Mac OS X 10.1.2.